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To: J. Pitman

Concerning: CAFO's-CFO's-AFO's

Please understand I am not a highly knowledgeable person on all these factory farms, but there are a few things I want to make known.

#1 All these farms put out very strong smells that go for miles. Yea farmers say that is the price we pay. Well small farms are OK but when you have factory farms they are not. I live on the SW side of Winchester, IN about 3 miles from the Goldstein Farm and when the SW wind blows the stench is horrible.

#2 I recently drove to the east side of Randolph County and within a few minutes I found piles of chicken s--t piled up in several places. Is Indiana going to become a dumping place for Ohio chicken s--t since they destroyed the Grand Lake at Celina. I wonder what would happen if this chicken s--t was dumped near Daniel's home.

Where are your inspectors on these sites. Ohio will destroy my drinking water while you sit in Indy trying to make rules that you are not enforcing now.

#3 We have had fish kills that take IDEM months and even years to figure out what to do. I wonder if IDEM is even functioning.

#4 Any large farm discharging manure into our waters should be fined \$10,000 dollars the first time so they will remember not to do this. Second time \$100,000 dollars, would that stop them, hell who knows?

#5 Good character rules when violated use the same fines as item #4. You have to get their attention.

#6 You mention inspectors, engineers. Well let us make sure they are properly schooled and licensed by the state of Indiana. No buddy system for such an important job.

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#7 Set-backs are a joke. We have so many CAFO's in Randolph County and s--t coming in from Ohio that you can not begin to enforce the very weak set-back rules.

#8 The manure in this county is so thick that your saturation rules must be a joke. The piles and piles of manure on the In/Ohio border sits in the fields for long periods of time and gradually soaks into our environment. One picture I have is a big pile of chicken s--t sitting within 200 feet of White River on US Hwy 32 east of Winchester. You can't possibly be serious when you make your rules.

#9 I know that some of these animals produce 10 times the waste as humans. 100,000 animals equal 1,000,000 humans. Why do we have wastewater treatment plants for humans and not for large livestock farms. 26,000 people in Randolph County, 100,000 animals. Every persons home has to have a septic tank, every city of any size has waste treatment plants. Explain to me the difference.

The rules and laws in place that never seem to be enforced, the Ohio dumping here, fish kills that IDEM can't seem to identify the culprits for, unenforced rules, small fines that nobody pays attention to are the butt of jokes around my area. Why do all these foreigners come to the US to farm, I would say because their countries will not permit them to destroy their own environment.

When our water system is destroyed by the lack of rules enforcement, then and only then will something be done, and as always way to late.

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